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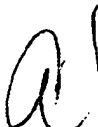
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Sir:

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment concurrently with the Continuing Application for the above-referenced case.

In the Specification

Replace paragraph 1, page 1 with the following:

 This application is a continuation of copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/321,170, filed May 27, 1999. This application is related to the subject matter of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/321,410, entitled "Multiple Fluid Sample Processor and System: (Docket No. ORCH 0116 PUS). The disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.